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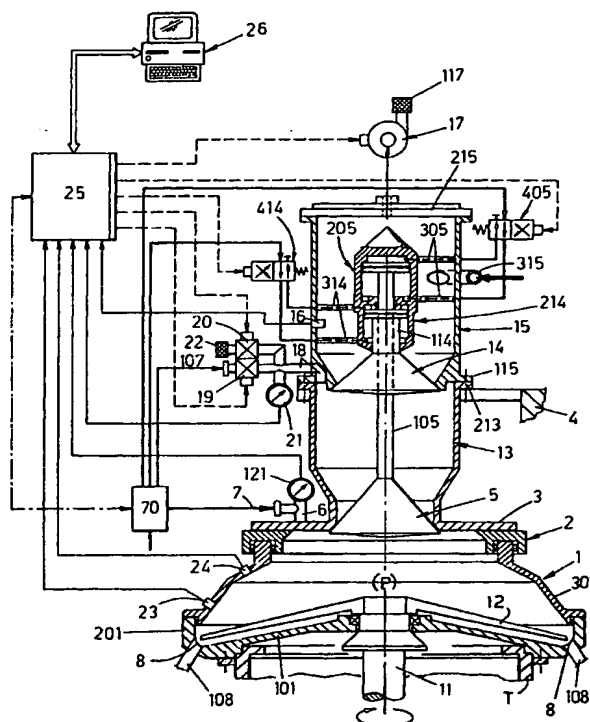
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(54) Title: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR FEEDING POWDERED, GRANULAR OR HERB-BASED PRODUCTS**



(57) Abstract: A product hopper (1) is designed so that it can be sealed with respect to the means (13) for the cyclical feed of the product and with respect to the external environment, and is designed so that it can be pressurized with compressed gas, in such a way that the said product is fluidized by the compressed gas and is pushed by the latter in a continuous and uniform way towards the dosing stations (D), which are connected to the periphery of the said hopper and are designed to promote the flow of the product towards them. A description is also given of the means which enable the hopper to operate continuously even when batches of product are introduced into it in a cyclic way.

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